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SENATOR CARPENTER: -----the area in which it was discussed. I do not care to answer that question.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am wondering if this bill could be amended. For example, in my legislative district it's about 250 miles from one corner to the other so my people would have to go a long ways to a central office. What my people really want is, they want me sometimes to come 140 miles to an educational service unit meeting. County Officials Associations, they want their senator to drive a hundred miles and go to this meeting. County Superintendents Association, they wish the same thing. The League of Municipalities of our state desires that you go possibility two hundred and 50 miles to a Retirement Committee meeting of the employees of municipalities. This is the problem that I have and the state senators have to furnish their own expense, drive their own car, pay their own hotel bills, pay for their own meals, get no remuneration (inaudible) drive thousand of miles in the state to do what their constituents want them to do. I am wondering, possibly, if we shouldn't hold this bill up on General File until we could get some amendments on this bill which might take care of some of the situations which other senators beside myself may have.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer has asked unanimous consent to be excused the balance of today and the next two days. Are there any objections? If not, it is so ordered. SENATOR SIMPSON.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question. Senator Carpenter, I listened to your explanation and I didn't hear anything specifically on Lincoln and what would be involved here or if anything. Do you have something in that area?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Of course, the state already has probably the greatest representation of state government here now, and I would presume that within the physical limitations of the capitol and the employment of the help necessary in order to carry this states business on the delegations recommendation would be certainly considered in every case. All I am trying to say and to be frank about it. If we are not establishing a branch of state government, we cannot do it. We don't have the right legally or technically and I have no desire to do it under that thought of establishing in a senator's district an office for him. That you can't do You can ask me a lot of questions that I can't and won't answer. Unless you have confidence in the Executive Council to do what you told us you wanted us to do by the method legally necessary to do it, why, we can't do it and I don't want to be abrupt. I am trying to be honest and I am trying to be factual and I am sure that the desires of all you people will be taken care of as best we can but don't ask the embarrassing questions so I can't answer.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have no embarrassing questions for Senator Carpenter. I am going to though, with great respect for Senator Carpenter, move that this bill be referred to a committee for a hearing. I think we could stand here for the rest of this day and probably a couple of others discussing our wants and our desires. I think if we set this bill for a public hearing we can all have time to come up with proposals to forward to that committee, either in person or by written correspondence. I have some immediate reservations concerning going all the way as far as upgrading "the Legislature". I am a little concerned about the possibility of opening an office in the Omaha area for those of us who reside there. I know, personally, that I consider this a part